



## Happy Birthday Iva!

On Friday, October 27, the Temple Beth Israel had a double celebration, not only did they welcome the Sabbath, as they do every Friday, but also they marked the 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Iva Resin, a cherished member of the community, that only eight weeks ago made Aruba her permanent home.

Iva and her son Richard, of Atlanta, Georgia have long been overseas members of the Temple Beth Israel, and regular visitors to Aruba for seventeen years. They came to love their “home away from home” so much they could be described as commuters, visiting the island nearly every two months, reports Richard. Finally, they made the decision to purchase a home nearly next to the temple and make it their real home, close to their Aruban “family.” Now they have become fully integrated into island life and the local Jewish community.

Their extended Aruban family joined them in celebrating the auspicious event of Iva’s birthday, compliments of Richard, who arranged catering for the combination Sabbath/Birthday dinner with Ri-Lo Catering and was the consummate host. Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bater, the congregation sang “Happy Birthday” in both English and Hebrew, and as members of the synagogue wished Iva well and regaled her with small gifts, she exclaimed, “You here all have to stop spoiling me!”

The community could only express that they hope to keep on spoiling Iva, who along with her son is now a very valued member, for many years to come. Happy Birthday, Iva!